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The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will issue a Request For Proposal to obtain a new Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) as part of the competitive bidding of its Medicaid Fiscal Agent contract that expires December 31, 2006. The Department expects to release the Request For Proposal by the end of 2004. Interested parties will have 90-days to respond.

The MMIS is the automated system used by the Department for health care and pharmacy claims processing, prior authorizations, benefit management, provider payments, and financial reporting and analysis.

The Department has determined that a new MMIS could produce significant efficiencies for the Department over a contract period of 5-10 years. The new MMIS will shift from a customized structure to configuration-based giving the Department the flexibility to react to frequent federal and state mandates quickly and inexpensively.

The Department expects to reduce its MMIS and Fiscal Agent operational expenditures through the use of flexible technology and additional automated processes similar to those used in commercial claims processing as well as other Medicaid sites.

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